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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of May 16, 2005. The period for response has been extended by three months to November 16, 2005 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time.

**Listing of the Claims.** A listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper. None of the claims has been amended.

**Remarks/Arguments.** Remark/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.